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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

Please amend the specification as set forth on page 2.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 3.

Please amend the drawings as set forth on page 7. Ten replacement drawing sheets are attached in Appendix I. Nine annotated drawing sheets are attached in Appendix II.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment and conclude on page 9.

Five appendices are included at the end of this Amendment. The appendices include, in order, replacement drawing sheets, annotated drawing sheets, a replacement specification (clean version), a mark-up of the replacement specification, and a copy of Nyman *et al.*, *Biochem. J.*, 329:295-302, 1998.